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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An automotive door panel assembly comprising:

a door trim panel comprising:

an outer trim panel surface;

an inner trim panel surface; and

at least one tubular stake including outer tubular walls protruding from said inner trim panel surface, said tubular stake including a ~~OLE_LINK4~~seal sleeve ~~OLE_LINK4~~flow flow channel connecting said outer trim panel surface to said inner trim panel surface;

an overmold material applied to said outer trim panel surface, said overmold material filling said seal sleeve flow channel and generating an overmold seal sleeve skin on said outer tubular walls;

a door main panel assembly including at least one clip hole, said tubular stake positioned within said at least one clip hole; and

wherein said overmold seal sleeve skin removably engages said at least one clip hole to form a primary seal between said door trim panel and said door main panel assembly.

2. (Original) An automotive door panel assembly as described in claim 1, wherein said overmold seal sleeve skin comprises:

a chamfered guide top; and

a seal sleeve wall secured to said outer tubular walls.

3. (Original) An automotive door panel assembly as described in claim 1, further comprising:

an outer overmold seal formed on an edge surface of said outer trim panel surface, said outer overmold seal engaging said door main panel assembly to form a secondary sealing surface between said door trim panel and said door main panel assembly.

4. (Currently Amended) An automotive door panel assembly as described in claim 1, wherein said overmold seal sleeve skin further comprises:

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